

Attends City-Wide Celebration Honoring Youth Today

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement congratulating the City of Richmond for being named an "All-America City" by the National Civic League after attending a celebration in honor of the youth delegation that represented the city at the competition in Tampa, Florida:

"I want to congratulate the City of Richmond for being named an "All-America City" by the National Civic League-one of only ten nationwide to receive such an honor. I also want to commend Mayor Sally Hutton not only for her leadership, but for having the vision to send an all-youth delegation comprised of some of our community's rising stars to the competition in Tampa, Florida.

"In particular, I want to congratulate the 25 young people who represented Richmond at the three-day competition in Tampa. With budding leaders like these, I know that the future of our community is bright, and our best days lie before us.

"The National Civic League has recognized what Hoosiers have known for years-that Indiana boasts some of the best communities nationwide. The high quality civic-mindedness of Richmond's community is a testament to their people and local leaders.

"So to the City of Richmond I say: 'congratulations, and job well done.'"

Background:

An All-America City has a proven capacity for community-based problem solving, grassroots civic engagement and cooperation between sectors (public, private and nonprofit). To become a finalist, each participant completed an application documenting three community projects that address local challenges such as job creation/economic development, environmental

sustainability, neighborhood revitalization and disaster recovery.

During the three-day competition, a delegation from each community presented its challenges and solutions to a jury of national experts from across the United States. At least one community project had to focus on the needs of young people.

More information from the National Civic League can be found [HERE](#) .

A Richmond Palladium-Item story on the award can be accessed [HERE](#) .

The 2009 finalists were:

Richmond, Indiana

Phoenix, Arizona

Windsor Heights, Iowa

Toledo, Ohio

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Wichita, Kansas

Wooster, Ohio

Inglewood, California

Pocomoke City, Maryland

Toledo, Oregon

Rancho Cordova, California

Rockville, Maryland

Erie, Pennsylvania

Windsor, Colorado

Salisbury, Maryland

Providence, Rhode Island

Tampa, Florida

Somerville, Massachusetts

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Bensenville, Illinois

Belton, Missouri

Rowlett, Texas

Carbondale, Illinois

Albany, New York

Caroline County, Virginia
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Benson, North Carolina
Kinston, North Carolina
South Bend, Indiana
Clinton, North Carolina
Des Moines, Iowa
Statesville, North Carolina